

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 have been amended. Claim 8 has been cancelled without prejudice. The specification has been amended as to the matter of form kindly pointed out in the Office Action. Claims 1 and 9 are the only independent claims.

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication that Claims 8 and 9 would be allowable if rewritten so as not to depend from a rejected claim, and with no change in scope. Since claim 9 has been so rewritten, it is now believed to be in condition for allowance. Further, the feature of claim 8 has been incorporated into claim 1. In view of this amendment, claim 1 is clearly in condition for allowance.

Claims 2 and 4 were objected to because "n" was not defined in the claims. As shown above, those claims have been amended to define that n is natural number, as defined in the specification. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-7 were rejected in view of various prior art. In view of the amendments discussed above, those rejections are believed to be moot. Therefore, claims 1-7 and 9 are believed clearly in condition for allowance.

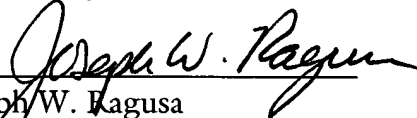
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In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully request favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application.

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